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Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Agreement concerning the Relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 70/263 of 27 April 2016, in which it invited the Secretary-General to take steps to conclude an agreement concerning the relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration and to submit the negotiated draft agreement to the General Assembly for approval,

Taking note of resolution No. 1317 of 30 June 2016 of the Council of the International Organization for Migration, by which the Council approved the draft Agreement concerning the Relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration,

Having considered the negotiated draft Agreement concerning the Relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration,[1]

1. *Approves* the draft Agreement concerning the Relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration, the text of which is contained in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Notes* article 12 of the draft Agreement, which provides that expenses resulting from any cooperation or provision of services pursuant to the Agreement shall be subject to separate arrangements between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration;

3. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to invite the Director General of the International Organization for Migration to sign the Agreement with him at the one-day high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants, to be held on 19 September 2016.

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Annex

Draft Agreement concerning the Relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration

The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration,

Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Constitution of the International Organization for Migration,

Recognizing the need to take into account migration and human mobility in the activities of the two Organizations and for close cooperation among all relevant organizations to strengthen their efforts in coordinating their respective activities related to migration and human mobility,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/4 of 16 October 1992 inviting the International Organization for Migration to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer,

Recalling also the Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration of 25 June 1996,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 51/148 of 13 December 1996 on the cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration,

Recalling the Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration regarding a Global Safety and Security Management Partnership of 25 June 2013,

Desiring to establish a mutually beneficial relationship whereby the discharge of respective responsibilities of the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration may be facilitated,

Taking note of the International Organization for Migration Council Resolution No. 1309 of 24 November 2015, which, inter alia, requested the Director General of the International Organization for Migration to develop with the United Nations a way in which the legal basis of the relationship between the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations could be improved,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 70/263 of 27 April 2016 which, inter alia, recognized the need to establish a closer relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration and invited the Secretary-General to take steps to conclude an agreement concerning the relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration and to submit the negotiated draft agreement to the General Assembly for approval,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Purpose of the Agreement

The present Agreement defines the terms on which the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration shall be brought into relationship with each

other in order to strengthen their cooperation and enhance their ability to fulfil their respective mandates in the interest of migrants and their Member States.

Article 2
Principles

1. The United Nations recognizes the International Organization for Migration as an organization with a global leading role in the field of migration. The United Nations recognizes that the Member States of the International Organization for Migration regard it, as per the International Organization for Migration Council Resolution No. 1309, as the global lead agency on migration. The foregoing shall be without prejudice to the mandates and activities of the United Nations, its Offices, Funds and Programmes in the field of migration.

2. The United Nations recognizes the International Organization for Migration as an essential contributor in the field of human mobility, in the protection of migrants, in operational activities related to migrants, displaced people and migration-affected communities, including in the areas of resettlement and returns, and in mainstreaming migration in development plans.

3. The United Nations recognizes that the International Organization for Migration, by virtue of its Constitution, shall function as an independent, autonomous and non-normative international organization in the working relationship with the United Nations established by this Agreement, noting its essential elements and attributes defined by the Council of the International Organization for Migration as per its Council Resolution No. 1309.

4. The International Organization for Migration recognizes the responsibilities of the United Nations under its Charter and the mandates and responsibilities of other United Nations organizations and subsidiary organs and agencies, including in the field of migration.

5. The International Organization for Migration undertakes to conduct its activities in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations and with due regard to the policies of the United Nations furthering those Purposes and Principles and to other relevant instruments in the international migration, refugee and human rights fields.

6. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration will cooperate and conduct their activities without prejudice to the rights and responsibilities of one another under their respective constituent instruments.

Article 3
Cooperation and coordination

1. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration, recognizing the need to work jointly to achieve mutual objectives, and with a view to facilitating the effective exercise of their responsibilities, agree to cooperate closely within their respective mandates and to consult on matters of mutual interest and concern. To that end, the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration shall cooperate with each other in accordance with the provisions of their respective constituent instruments.

2. The International Organization for Migration agrees to participate in, and to cooperate with, any body or bodies that have been established or may be established by the United Nations for the purpose of facilitating such cooperation and coordination at the global, regional or country level, in particular through membership in:

(a) The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and its subsidiary bodies (the High-level Committee on Programmes, the High-level Committee on Management (including the Inter-Agency Security Management Network), and the United Nations Development Group and its regional and country teams);

(b) The Inter-Agency Standing Committee;

(c) The Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs;

(d) The Global Migration Group;

(e) Country-level security management teams.

The International Organization for Migration agrees to participate in such bodies in accordance with their established rules of procedures and to contribute to their cost-shared budgets, as per established cost-sharing arrangements.

3. The International Organization for Migration may also consult with appropriate bodies established by the United Nations on matters within their competence and on which the International Organization for Migration requires expert advice. The United Nations, on its part, agrees to take such action as may be necessary to facilitate such consultation.

4. The United Nations bodies referred to above may also consult with the International Organization for Migration on all matters within its competence and on which they require expert advice. The International Organization for Migration, on its part, agrees to take such action as may be necessary to facilitate such consultation.

5. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration, within their respective competencies and in accordance with the provisions of their respective constituent instruments, shall cooperate by providing each other, upon request, with such information and assistance as either organization may require in the exercise of its responsibilities.

6. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration recognize the desirability of cooperation in the statistical field within the framework of their respective mandates.

7. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration recognize the necessity of achieving, where applicable, effective coordination of the activities and services of the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration with a view to avoiding duplication of their activities and services.

Article 4
Reports to the United Nations

The International Organization for Migration may, if it decides it to be appropriate, submit reports on its activities to the General Assembly through the Secretary-General.

Article 5
Reciprocal representation

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall be entitled to attend and to participate in relation to matters of common interest, without vote and in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure, in sessions of the Council of the International Organization for Migration. The Secretary-General shall also be invited, as appropriate, to attend and participate without vote in such other meetings as the International Organization for Migration may convene at which matters of interest to the United Nations are under consideration. The Secretary-General may, for the purposes of this paragraph, designate any person as his or her representative.

2. The Director General of the International Organization for Migration shall be entitled to attend plenary meetings of the General Assembly of the United Nations for the purposes of consultations. The Director General shall be entitled to attend and participate without vote in meetings of the Committees of the General Assembly and meetings of the Economic and Social Council, and, as appropriate and in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure, meetings of subsidiary organs of the Assembly and the Council. The Director General may, at the invitation of the Security Council, attend its meetings to supply it with information or give it other assistance with regard to matters within the competence of the International Organization for Migration. The Director General may, for the purposes of this paragraph, designate any person as his or her representative.

3. Written statements presented by the United Nations to the International Organization for Migration for distribution shall be distributed by the Administration of the International Organization for Migration to all members of the appropriate organ or organs of the International Organization for Migration. Written statements presented by the International Organization for Migration to the United Nations for distribution shall be distributed by the Secretariat of the United Nations to all members of the appropriate organ or organs of the United Nations.

Article 6
Proposal of agenda items

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations may propose agenda items for consideration by the International Organization for Migration. In such cases, the United Nations shall notify the Director General of the agenda item or items concerned, and the Director General shall, in accordance with his or her authority and the relevant rules of procedure, bring any such agenda item or items to the attention of the appropriate governing body of the International Organization for Migration.

2. The Director General of the International Organization for Migration may propose agenda items for consideration by the United Nations. In such cases,

the International Organization for Migration shall notify the Secretary-General of the agenda item or items concerned, and the Secretary-General shall, in accordance with his or her authority and the relevant rules of procedure, bring any such item or items to the attention of the relevant principal organ of the United Nations or such other organ or organs of the United Nations as may be appropriate.

Article 7
Exchange of information and documents

1. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration shall arrange for the exchange of information, publications and documents of mutual interest.

2. The International Organization for Migration shall, to the extent practicable, furnish the United Nations, upon its request, with special studies or information relating to matters within the competence of the United Nations.

3. The United Nations shall likewise, to the extent practicable, furnish the International Organization for Migration, upon its request, with special studies or information relating to matters within the competence of the International Organization for Migration.

4. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration shall make every effort to achieve maximum cooperation with a view to avoiding duplication in the collection, analysis, publication and dissemination of information related to matters of mutual interest. They shall strive, where appropriate, to combine their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of such information.

Article 8
Administrative cooperation

The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration shall consult, whenever required, concerning the most efficient use of facilities, staff and services with a view to avoiding the establishment and operation of overlapping facilities and services. They shall also consult to explore the possibility of establishing common facilities or services in specific areas, with due regard to cost savings.

Article 9
Cooperation between the secretariats

The Secretariat of the United Nations and the Administration of the International Organization for Migration shall maintain a close working relationship in accordance with such arrangements as may be agreed upon from time to time between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director General of the International Organization for Migration. Similar close working relationships between the secretariats of the other organizations within the United Nations system shall also be maintained in accordance with arrangements between the International Organization for Migration and the organizations concerned.

Article 10
Personnel arrangements

The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration agree to consult whenever necessary concerning matters of common interest relating to the terms and conditions of employment of staff as well as to cooperate regarding the exchange of personnel based on conditions contained in supplementary arrangements concluded pursuant to Article 14 of this Agreement.

Article 11
United Nations laissez-passer

Members of the staff of the International Organization for Migration shall be entitled, in accordance with such administrative arrangements as may be concluded between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director General of the International Organization for Migration, to use the laissez-passer of the United Nations as a valid travel document where such use is recognized by States in agreements defining the privileges and immunities of the International Organization for Migration.

Article 12
Expenses

Expenses resulting from any cooperation or provision of services pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to separate arrangements between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration.

Article 13
Protection of confidentiality

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be so construed as to require either the United Nations or the International Organization for Migration to furnish any material, data and information the disclosure of which could, in its judgement, violate its obligation under its constituent instrument or policies on confidentiality to protect such material, data and information.

2. In case confidential material, data or information is provided, the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration shall ensure the appropriate protection of such material, data and information, in accordance with their constituent instruments and policies on confidentiality or in accordance with such supplementary arrangements as may be concluded between them for this purpose in accordance with Article 14 of this Agreement.

Article 14
Supplementary arrangements for the implementation of the present Agreement

The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director General of the International Organization for Migration may, for the purpose of implementing the present Agreement, make such supplementary arrangements as may be found appropriate.

Article 15
Amendments

The present Agreement may be amended by agreement between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration. Any such amendment shall be approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations and by the Council of the International Organization for Migration. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration shall notify each other in writing of the date of such approval, and the Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later of the said approvals.

Article 16
Entry into force

1. The present Agreement shall be approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations and by the Council of the International Organization for Migration. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration shall notify each other in writing of the date of such approval. The Agreement shall thereafter enter into force upon signature.

2. Upon its entry into force, this Agreement supersedes and replaces the Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration of 25 June 1996.

In witness thereof, the undersigned have signed the present Agreement.

Signed this xxth day of xx 2016 at xxx in two originals in the English language.

For the United Nations:	For the International Organization for Migration:
Ban Ki-Moon Secretary-General	William Lacy Swing Director General

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Global health and foreign policy

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance convened by the President of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 70/183 of 17 December 2015, entitled "Global health and foreign policy: strengthening the management of international health crises", in which it decided to hold a high-level meeting in 2016 on antimicrobial resistance and requested the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Director General of the World Health Organization, and in consultation with Member States, as appropriate, to determine options and modalities for the conduct of such a meeting, including potential deliverables,

Mindful of the need to summon and maintain strong national, regional and international political commitment to addressing antimicrobial resistance comprehensively and multisectorally, and to increase and improve awareness of antimicrobial resistance,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,[1]

Emphasizing the important role and the responsibilities of Governments, as well as the role of relevant intergovernmental organizations, particularly the World Health Organization within its mandate and in coordination with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Organization for Animal Health, as appropriate, in responding to the challenges of antimicrobial resistance, and the essential need for multisectoral and cross-sectoral efforts and the engagement of all relevant sectors of society, such as human and veterinary medicine, agriculture, finance, environment and consumers, to generate an effective response, including towards a "One Health" approach,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolution 68.7 of 26 May 2015, entitled "Global action plan on antimicrobial resistance", which reflects a global consensus

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that antimicrobial resistance poses a significant public health challenge, and emphasizing the paramount significance of achieving the five strategic objectives of the global action plan,

1. *Decides* that the high-level meeting convened by the President of the General Assembly on antimicrobial resistance shall be held in New York on 21 September 2016, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

2. *Encourages* all Member and observer States to participate in the high-level meeting at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government;

3. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements of the high-level meeting shall be as follows:

(a) The opening segment will include statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization, the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Director General of the World Organization for Animal Health, each speaking from his or her perspective and in accordance with the mission and mandate that each institution represents;

(b) Two interactive hour-long thematic panels will each be composed of up to six discussants, with three Heads of State and Government and three relevant stakeholders each, bearing in mind equitable gender, level of development and geographical representation, on the following themes:

Panel 1: Relevance of addressing antimicrobial resistance for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular the health-related Goals

Panel 2: Addressing the multisectoral implications and implementation challenges of antimicrobial resistance in a comprehensive manner

(c) Panels 1 and 2 will be held during the morning session, in parallel with the plenary segment;

(d) The plenary segment for general discussions during the morning and the afternoon will comprise three-minute interventions by Member and observer States and observers. A list of speakers will be established in accordance with the rules of procedure and practices of the General Assembly;

(e) The closing segment by the President of the General Assembly will comprise summaries of the thematic panel discussions and concluding remarks;

4. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Organization for Animal Health, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the thematic panels, taking into account the views of Member States and equitable gender, level of development and geographical representation, for the participation of Heads of State and Government, as well as of relevant civil society, private sector, academia and other stakeholders with expertise in antimicrobial resistance;

5. *Requests* the facilitator of the consultations to lead an informal interactive dialogue with relevant civil society and private sector stakeholders with

expertise in antimicrobial resistance, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting;

6. *Invites* all relevant United Nations system entities, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as regional and subregional organizations, to participate in the high-level meeting, contributing as appropriate, and to consider initiatives in support of its preparatory process;

7. *Invites* intergovernmental organizations and related entities that have observer status with the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level;

8. *Invites* non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with relevant expertise to register with the Secretariat to attend the meeting;

9. *Encourages* Member States to consider, as appropriate, including in their national delegations parliamentarians and civil society, private sector, academia and other stakeholders working on antimicrobial resistance;

10. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector with expertise in antimicrobial resistance who may attend the high-level meeting and participate in the interactive panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographic representation, and with due regard to the meaningful participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis;[2]

11. *Decides* that the high-level meeting shall approve a concise and action-oriented declaration, agreed by consensus through intergovernmental consultations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly.

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[2] The list of proposed as well as final names will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly. Where a name is objected to, the objecting Member State will, on a voluntary basis, make known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly the general basis for its objections, and the Office of the President of the General Assembly will share any information received with any Member State upon its request.

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Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,[1] which provides a comprehensive overview of interaction between the United Nations and the global parliamentary community and attests to the broad and substantive cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, an observer in the General Assembly and the world organization of national parliaments, over the past two years,

Taking note of the resolutions adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and circulated in the General Assembly and the many activities undertaken by the organization in support of the United Nations,

Noting the outcomes of the World Conferences of Speakers of Parliament held in 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015, which affirm the commitment of national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union to support the work of the United Nations and continue efforts to bridge the democracy gap in international relations,

Taking into consideration the Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union of 1996,[2] which laid the foundation for cooperation between the two organizations,

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[2] A/51/402, annex.

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Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[3] as well as the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[4] in which Heads of State and Government resolved to strengthen further cooperation between the United Nations and national parliaments through their world organization, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in all fields of the work of the United Nations,

Recalling also its resolution 57/32 of 19 November 2002, in which the Inter-Parliamentary Union was invited to participate in the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer, as well as resolutions 57/47 of 21 November 2002, 59/19 of 8 November 2004, 61/6 of 20 October 2006 and 63/24 of 18 November 2008,

Recalling and further endorsing its resolutions 65/123 of 13 December 2010, 66/261 of 29 May 2012 and 68/272 of 19 May 2014, in which the General Assembly, inter alia, decided to pursue a more systematic engagement with the Inter-Parliamentary Union in organizing and integrating a parliamentary component of and contribution to major United Nations deliberative processes and the review of international commitments,

Welcoming the annual parliamentary hearings at the United Nations, as well as other specialized parliamentary meetings organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union in cooperation with the United Nations to correspond to major United Nations conferences and events such as the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the recent special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem and the high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS,

Welcoming also the convening of a parliamentary side event by the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and by the United Nations at the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020, held in Antalya from 27 to 29 May 2016,

Recognizing in particular the work of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in mobilizing parliamentary action towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[5] the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030[6] the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020, and in support of the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Recognizing the growing role of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs in providing a platform for regular interaction between parliamentarians and United Nations officials, including on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, reviewing implementation of international commitments, facilitating closer ties between United Nations country teams and national parliaments and helping to shape parliamentary input to major United Nations processes,

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[3] Resolution 55/2.
[4] Resolution 60/1.
[5] Resolution 70/1.
[6] Resolution 69/283, annex II.

Recognizing also the work of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the areas of gender equality, the empowerment of women and combating violence against women, and the close cooperation between the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the relevant United Nations bodies, in particular the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,

Taking note of the work of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and relevant bodies of the United Nations system to enhance cooperation in support of the implementation of international obligations in the field of non-proliferation and disarmament,

Taking note also of the work carried out upon request by agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Development Programme, in support of national parliaments around the world,

Acknowledging the role and responsibility of national parliaments in regard to national plans and strategies, as well as in ensuring greater transparency and accountability at both national and global levels,

1. *Welcomes* the actions taken by the Inter-Parliamentary Union to pursue a more systematic engagement with the United Nations;

2. *Encourages* the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union to continue to work closely in various fields, in particular peace and security, economic and social development, climate change, international law, human rights and gender issues, democracy and good governance, bearing in mind the significant benefits of cooperation between the two organizations, to which the report of the Secretary-General attests;[1]

3. *Also encourages* the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union to strengthen their cooperation in the fields of dialogue among civilizations, culture, education, and information and communications technologies, disaster risk reduction and financing for development;

4. *Encourages* the continued active involvement of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in mobilizing parliamentary action in support of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,[7] and emphasizes the importance of the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union continuing to work closely together with a view to promoting the enhanced contribution of parliaments at the national level and the Inter-Parliamentary Union at the global level in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;[5]

5. *Encourages* the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union to strengthen cooperation by engaging parliamentarians in efforts to maintain support for the implementation of relevant United Nations agreements;

6. *Takes note* of the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, held at United Nations Headquarters in September 2015, which, inter alia, provided a high-level parliamentary contribution to the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda;

[7] See resolution 70/1.

7. *Welcomes* the practice of including legislators as members of national delegations to major United Nations meetings and events, as appropriate, including the United Nations high-level political forum on sustainable development and the youth forum of the Economic and Social Council, and invites Member States to continue this practice in a more regular and systematic manner;

8. *Invites* Member States to further consider ways to work regularly with the Inter-Parliamentary Union in facilitating a parliamentary component to major United Nations conferences and in more closely linking the annual parliamentary hearing at the United Nations to the main United Nations processes, so as to help to inform such deliberations from a parliamentary perspective;

9. *Encourages* Member States to consider applying the practice of the joint United Nations-Inter-Parliamentary Union parliamentary hearing to other parliamentary meetings convened in conjunction with major United Nations conferences and processes, such as the parliamentary meeting organized on the occasion of the annual session of the Commission on the Status of Women, with a view to including the outcome of these parliamentary meetings as a formal contribution to the respective United Nations processes;

10. *Welcomes* the contribution of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to the work of the Human Rights Council, notably by providing a more robust parliamentary contribution to the universal periodic review, and to the work of the United Nations human rights treaty bodies along the lines of the cooperation developed in recent years between the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and national parliaments whose countries are under review;

11. *Encourages* UN-Women and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system to work closely with the Inter-Parliamentary Union and national parliaments in accordance with their respective mandates and, upon request, in such areas as gender equality and the empowerment of women, including in conflict prevention and peace processes, institutional gender mainstreaming, support to parliaments in promoting gender-sensitive legislation, increasing the representation of women in parliaments, combating violence against women and implementing relevant United Nations resolutions;

12. *Welcomes* the contribution of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, through the participation of parliamentarians, in convening a regular parliamentary side event on the work of parliaments to institutionalize the Sustainable Development Goals;

13. *Invites* the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the relevant bodies of the United Nations system to enhance their cooperation in supporting Governments in facilitating the orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies;

14. *Encourages* the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union to develop closer cooperation with parliaments at the national level, including in terms of strengthening parliamentary capacities, reinforcing the rule of law and helping to align national legislation with international commitments;

15. *Takes note* of the Common Principles for Support to Parliaments, pioneered by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Development Programme with a view to further strengthening the capacities of parliaments to perform their functions;

16. *Calls upon* United Nations country teams to develop, within their mandates and at the request of national authorities, a more structured and integrated manner of working with national parliaments, through appropriate mechanisms, inter alia, by involving parliaments in consultations on national development strategies and on development aid effectiveness, where applicable;

17. *Encourages* the United Nations system to help facilitate greater South-South and triangular cooperation between parliaments and parliamentarians, within existing resources, in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

18. *Encourages* the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to avail themselves more systematically of the unique expertise of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and its member parliaments, in strengthening parliamentary institutions, particularly in countries emerging from conflict and/or in transition to democracy;

19. *Calls for* a regular annual exchange between the senior leadership of the United Nations and that of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, with a view to building greater coherence in the work of the two organizations, enhancing coordination in the cooperation between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, maximizing parliamentary support for the United Nations and helping to forge a strategic partnership between the two organizations;

20. *Welcomes* the new cooperation agreement between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which reflects progress and developments over past years and places the institutional relationship between the two organizations on a stronger footing;

21. *Decides*, in recognition of the significant cooperation and enhanced engagement among United Nations entities and the global parliamentary community in implementing their shared global objectives, to strengthen the modalities of this cooperation and to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union", and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report under this item.

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Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Afghanistan, Andorra, Argentina, Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Japan, Latvia, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Viet Nam and Zambia

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2. *Decides* that, for the purposes of the thematic reviews of progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[2] at the high-level political forum on sustainable development, the sequence of themes for each four-year cycle of the forum shall reflect the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals and the three dimensions of sustainable development, including cross-cutting issues as well as new and emerging issues, and will serve as the framework for reviewing all 17 Goals;

3. *Also decides* therefore that, for the remainder of the current cycle[3] of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, the themes shall be:

(a) For 2017: "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world";

(b) For 2018: "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies";

(c) For 2019: "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality";

4. *Further decides* that the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, will discuss a set of Goals and their interlinkages, including, if appropriate, with other Goals, at each session representing the three dimensions of sustainable development, with a view to facilitating an in-depth review of progress made on all Goals over the course of a four-year cycle, with means of implementation, including with respect to Goal 17, reviewed annually;

5. *Decides* that, for the remainder of the current cycle of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, the sets of Sustainable Development Goals to be reviewed in depth shall be:

(a) In 2017: Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 9 and 14;

(b) In 2018: Goals 6, 7, 11, 12 and 15;

(c) In 2019: Goals 4, 8, 10, 13 and 16;

6. *Also decides* that the Economic and Social Council shall ensure the alignment of its annual main themes and the corresponding annual themes of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Council, to foster coherence;

7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the preparations for the voluntary national reviews for the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in 2016, urges that experience gained from this and future sessions be taken into consideration in the development of new and flexible arrangements for the preparation of subsequent sessions, as appropriate, bearing in mind that their aim is to facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, and encourages Member States to involve

[2] See resolution 70/1.

[3] Noting that the Economic and Social Council has decided that the theme for the high-level political forum in 2016 is "Leaving no one behind".

stakeholders in the national voluntary reviews in accordance with paragraphs 78 and 79 of resolution 70/1;

8. *Takes note* of the support provided to Member States preparing for voluntary national reviews, and requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to encourage voluntary national reviews by all countries, including countries in special situations;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to update, as appropriate and taking into account feedback from countries participating in the high-level political forum, the voluntary common reporting guidelines as provided for in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General, and to make them available to Member States as a suggested tool in the preparations for voluntary national reviews;

10. *Encourages* Member States to identify the most suitable regional or subregional forums and formats, where appropriate, as a further means to contribute to the follow-up and review at the high-level political forum, recognizing the need to avoid duplication, and welcomes the steps taken in this regard;

11. *Reaffirms* paragraph 11 of resolution 67/290, while also recognizing the challenges facing countries in conflict and post-conflict situations and supporting the principle of leaving no one behind, and that the meetings of the forum will provide for effective linkages with the follow-up and review arrangements of all relevant United Nations conferences and processes, including on least developed countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing countries;

12. *Encourages*, in the organization of the meetings of the high-level political forum, consideration of the use of web-based interfaces as an additional means of supporting effective, broad and balanced participation by region and by type of organization in accordance with the modalities on the participation of stakeholders in resolution 67/290, and reiterates the call to major groups and stakeholders to report on their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

13. *Reaffirms* that the meetings of the high-level political forum will be informed by an annual progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals and the quadrennial *Global Sustainable Development Report*, as well as all other relevant inputs;

14. *Underscores* that all inputs to the high-level political forum shall be made available and easily accessible utilizing existing web-based platforms;

15. *Encourages* coherence of the General Assembly and its Main Committees, the Economic and Social Council, the specialized agencies and the functional commissions of the Council, and other intergovernmental bodies and forums with the work of the high-level political forum towards the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, urges that the quadrennial comprehensive policy review take into account the 2030 Agenda, and in this regard takes note of the ongoing work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, the Council and its functional and regional commissions and other intergovernmental bodies and forums on the review of their working methods and agendas in order to ensure that they address the implementation of the 2030 Agenda within their respective areas of expertise and mandates, while avoiding duplication;

16. *Reaffirms* paragraph 23 of resolution 67/290, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and internal coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, considering the need to avoid overlap of its work and ensuring that the work of the Department is organized in an integrated, cohesive, coordinated and collaborative manner, in order that the Department as a whole can provide support to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level, including to the work of the Economic and Social Council and the organization of its segments and the high-level political forum;

17. *Decides* to convene the biennial Development Cooperation Forum prior to the high-level political forum, and invites the Economic and Social Council to consider timing its engagement with various intergovernmental bodies in order to support their contribution to the high-level political forum;

18. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to jointly convene the high-level segment of the Council and the three ministerial days of the high-level political forum, meeting under the auspices of the Council, in order to avoid duplication, enhance efficiency and strengthen complementarity and synergy;

19. *Decides* that the meetings of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the General Assembly and those under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council shall be closely coordinated to ensure coherence and provide for mutually reinforcing linkages, especially when it is deemed appropriate to convene the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Council in the same year that it is convened under the auspices of the Assembly in order to provide necessary space for the conduct of voluntary national reviews and thematic reviews, and in this connection also decides that the high-level political forum shall have only one negotiated political declaration, covering the different and complementary functions of both sessions of the high-level political forum when the forum is convened twice in the same year;

20. *Reaffirms* its decision, as provided in resolution 67/290, that the outcome of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council shall result in a negotiated ministerial declaration for inclusion in the report of the Council to the General Assembly, except as otherwise provided, and invites the President of the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the Bureau of the Council, to prepare a factual summary to reflect the discussions of the meeting;

21. *Decides* to review progress in implementing the present resolution and resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development at its seventy-fourth session, in order to benefit from lessons learned in the first cycle of the high-level political forum as well as from other processes under the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council related to the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.